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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary!By Joyce JeffriesThis is a tremendous book, organized into four major sections and filled with information not found in most modern editions of atlases, or any other type of publication for that matter.Section One, "The Nature Of The Land" includes detailed Topographical Maps and layered illustrations of the landscapes,as well as color-coded County Maps.Section Two, "The Country We Live In" has a General "guide" map, with keys to individual page maps that are divided into increments of approximately six mile squares, very detailed.Section Three, "The Fabric Of A Nation", is quite extensive, and includes:a brief history of the past two million years,as well as Sub-sections onClimate, Nature, Population, People Today, The Strength of Religion,Language and Dialects, Place Names, Folklore and Customs, Birthplaces of Famous People, Machinery of Government, Trends in Crime, Recreation Out of Doors, Agriculture, Sources of Food, Trade with the World, Transport (subcategorized into Air Travel, Inland Waterways, Railways, The Road System, and Navigation in coastal Waters), Communications, Industry (Mineral Resources and Energy, and The Products of Industry), Regional Building and Architecture, and Alliances for Peace.Section Four, "Places In The British Isles" consists of seventy pages, divided into four voluminous parts:GAZETEER TO THE MAPS on Pages 24-68ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTIES, (County and meaning of county name,Population, County Town/Other major towns, Predominant Occupations and industries with number of employees, Local Government Composition, Number of Members of Parliament, Population (by Gender, Density Per Acre, Population over the past 160 years, Percentage by various age groups, Percentage born

in county and/or Outside British Isles) Standard of Living, (Number of Dwellings, Average Domestic Rateable Value, Average Income Liable to Tax, Households per Private Car, Average Annual Retail Sales Per Person), Health (Hospitals, sub-categorized by National Health Service, Non N.H.S., and Psychiatric), Average number of patients per G.P., Birth-rate per 1000, Death-rate per 1000, Infant Mortality per 1,000 births) EDUCATION: Universities Colleges, Number of primary schools, Percentage of 13-Year-old pupils attending secondary schools, sub-categorized by Secondary modern (and others), Grammar, Direct grant grammar, Comprehensive, Technical, and Independent, Breakdown of cost by secondary school pupil (Average cost per pupil, Salaries and wages, Books and equipment, Rent, fuel and other costs, and COUNTY ABBREVIATION. Weather in figures, Includes tables of statistics for length of sunshine, average temperatures by month, by Major City, Average Rainfall in inches, by month, by Major City Table of Distances by Road in England, Scotland and Wales, with a separate table for Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The final sub-section, "Facts About the British Isles", includes--a brief summary on each specific country: England, Wales, Scotland, The Isle of Man, The Channel Islands, and Ireland. Also--Physical Features of the British Isles (Length of Coastline, Tidal Ranges, Areas of the the Countries in Square Miles, Geographical Counties, Area of Land per Head of the Population, Longest Rivers, Largest Lakes, Highest Mountains, Deepest Deprssions, and Cave Systems.--Weather Records of the British Isles/ Observatories--Eclipses of the Sun and Moon,--Meteorites--Population: Vital Statistics--Conurbations--Battles in Great Britain and Ireland--Money Matters--Prices of Commodities and Earnings--The Time of Day (By International Time Zones)--The Traditional Centres of Fine Workmanship (includes sub-categories of Earthenware, Porcelain, Stoneware, Pewter, Silver, Glass, Sheffield Plate, Embroidery Lace, Furniture, Printed Textiles, Woven Textiles, and Carpets Tapestries.)--Universities, United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland--Physical Regions, and a full page of Acknowledgements. I have been a voracious reader for nearly all my 62 years, and the ONLY other book I have ever seen that can compare to this one in sheer comprehensibility is the The Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World, from Columbia University Press! Even though most of the information is now outdated, I believe there would be a market for a reprinted edition, even if only used by researchers.

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